



Site Name: West Bank  
Date: 10 February 1989 SDMS DocID 270174  
Subject: POLREP #9 - Removal Action  
Location: Site #95  
West Bank of the Merrimack River  
Nashua, New Hampshire  
Pollutant: Asbestos  
Occurrence Date: 1960's  
Environmental Media affected: Land, water, air  
Severity: Potentially - Major  
Quantity Discharged: Unknown  
Category: Onshore/Non-transportation  
Source: Dumping of asbestos waste  
materials by John-Manville  
OSC: Paul R. Groulx - U.S. EPA Region 1  
Latest POLREP: POLREP 8 - October 26, 1988

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#### I. Background:

The West Bank asbestos waste site is situated in Nashua, New Hampshire, along the Merrimack River (Tax map reference # 24, lot #18). The site is located immediately downstream of Taylor's Fall Bridge on Route 101A, lying to the south of Hollis and Crown Streets. The property is owned by the City of Nashua, and is utilized by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) as a flood control dike area. The site consists of a 25 foot slope extending approximately 1,000 feet along the west shore of the Merrimack River. Asbestos plate board, intermixed with baghouse waste, is fully and partially exposed from below the waterline to the top edge of the slope.

#### II. Actions Taken

- Mar 13, 1987 - ATSDR Health Assessment was issued.
- Mar 17, 1987 - Notice letters were sent to property owners.
- Mar 23, 1987 - Action Memorandum obligating \$650,000 was approved.
- Mar 30, 1987 - Draft IAG with U.S. Army COE was submitted for review.
- May 01, 1987 - IAG submitted and approved by U.S. Army COE. DW 96-932482-01-0 (4/1/87-6/1/88)
- Jun 12, 1987 - Preliminary conceptual design was completed.
- Jun 16, 1987 - OSC met with State of New Hampshire officials to review conceptual plans.
- Jun 24, 1987 - OSC presented conceptual plans for city review.
- Jun 25, 1987 - OSC submitted comments to US COE for final plans.

Jul 05, 1987 - OSC conducted informational meeting with area residents.

Jul 14, 1987 - A meeting between the US EPA and US Army COE was held to review plans for 95% completion of design & specifications.

Jul 31, 1987 - US Army COE commenced bid solicitation.

Sep 02, 1987 - Due to an inadequate response to the first bid solicitation and the fact that the bids received were substantially higher than obligated funding, no contract was awarded.

Apr 05, 1988 - U.S. Army COE revised the bid package and resolicited interested contractors

Apr 15, 1988 - Bids were received. Two contractors were disqualified by elements of the Small Business Clause of the bid package. Of the remaining bids, the lowest was twice the obligated budget for the total project. No contract was awarded due to EPA Removal Funding restraints.

Sep 15, 1988 - Action Memorandum ceiling was increased. Request for \$100,000 was signed by Regional Administrator.

Sep 16, 1988 - Amendment 02 IAG with the US Army COE was signed, extending the project/budget period that was to end 8/30/89 and increasing the total project ceiling ( project # DW96-932480-01-2).

Sep 23, 1988 - OSC met with Nashua officials to discuss the city's willingness to accept asbestos waste evolved during the removal into its sanitary landfill which is state approved for asbestos disposal.

Sep 27, 1988 - OSC received letter from City of Nashua on the specifications for the acceptance of asbestos at the city owned landfill.

Oct 13, 1988 - The U.S. Army COE was sent the specification requirements regarding the disposal of waste asbestos into the Nashua city landfill to be included in the new bid package.

Jan 10, 1989 - Amendment # 0001 was made to asbestos abatement project # DACW33-89-B-0010. Changes of a technical nature were made to the bid proposal.

Jan 11, 1989 - The U.S. EPA Oil and Hazardous Materials Section received correspondence from the Independence Rowing Club through the law offices of Endicott Peabody in regards to the removal action and the upcoming rowing season.

Jan 13, 1989 - Administrative Record was delivered to the Nashua City Library for Public Review.

Jan 20, 1989 - Amendment # 0002 was made to asbestos abatement project # DACW33-89-B-0010. Changes were made in the wage structure to conform to local pay scales.

Jan 24, 1989 - Amendment # 0003 was made to asbestos abatement project # DACW33-89-B-0010. Clerical changes in the document were made.

Feb 07, 1989 - Bids Closing/Opening at 1400 hours  
Location: US ACE Building 111  
424 Trapello Road, Waltham, MA

### III. Future Actions

Feb 10, 1989 - US EPA awaits awarding of U.S. Army COE project # DACW33-89-B-0010

### IV. Funding Status

US EPA obligated an additional \$100,000 to this site, increasing the TOTAL PROJECT CEILING to \$750,000.

#### Financial Data:

DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DOLLAR AMOUNT	COST ALLOCATION
Z30006	7QfA1ANE95	\$507,000	US Army COE
ER0028	8TfA1ANE95	\$100,000	US Army COE
		\$103,000	TAT
		\$ 40,000	Intramural
TOTAL PROJECT CEILING		\$750,000	

CASE PENDING:

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Paul R. Groulx, On Scene Coordinator

February 10, 1989

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